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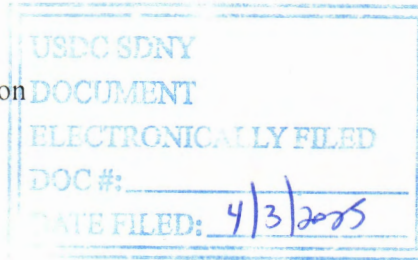
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Hon. District Judge Colleen McMahon  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007



Re: **Daijan Palmer v. City of New York, et al.**  
24-cv-8035-CM

Your Honor:

My office represents Daijan Palmer, the plaintiff in the above-referenced matter. I write to respectfully oppose defendant City of New York's request for a continued Stay of Discovery in this matter.

By way of background, this matter involves allegations of excessive force. Plaintiff claims that he was assaulted and robbed of his property by a group of New York City Department of Correction officers while he was housed at the West Facility on Rikers Island. In a letter dated January 10, 2025, counsel for the defendants requested a Stay of Discovery on the grounds that the Department of Correction is currently investigating the incident that underlies this case. The Court granted that request but indicated that it would not delay this matter indefinitely while DOC investigates.

By letter motion dated April 2, 2025, counsel for the defendants has requested an extension of the Stay of Discovery through the end of August. This request is apparently based solely on DOC's representation that its investigation will be completed by that time. In her letter, counsel does not indicate what the status of the investigation is or why it is expected to take another five months to complete. With no basis upon which to conclude that an investigation is proceeding in earnest, and given DOC's history of slow-walking such investigations, I would urge the Court to deny counsel's application for a continued Stay of Discovery so that this case may move forward.

I thank the Court in advance for its time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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